

## **Australia, Japan, U.S. Sign Trilateral Information Sharing Arrangement**

On Oct. 27, representatives of the Australian Department of Defence, Japan Ministry of Defense and the U.S. Department of Defense signed a trilateral information sharing arrangement (TISA) to further strengthen defense cooperation.

Officials of defense authorities of the three countries met in Honolulu, Hawaii together with representatives of diplomatic authorities for the eighth trilateral security and defense cooperation forum where the TISA was signed.

The TISA will further enhance the strategic trilateral relationship, and support peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific by expediting information sharing to enable higher capability defense exercises and operations among the three nations taking into account situational awareness in the region.

At the trilateral dialogue, officials pledged to enhance trilateral defense cooperation on maritime security and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and continue to conduct high capability military exercises. The officials reaffirmed their strategic goals and commitment for trilateral cooperation to further peace and security in the Asia-Pacific.